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REMARKS

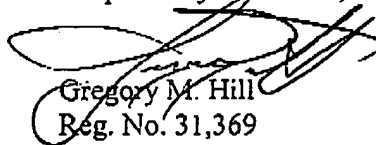
Claims 14-23 and 26-32 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawkins et al. (US 5,843,193) in view of Akram et al. (US 5,494,489). The withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendment which now adds an anionic tenside to the claimed composition. This combination is neither taught or suggested by the references, either individually or collectively.

Claims 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawkins et al., in view of Akram et al. and in further view of Cotteret et al. (US 5,480,357). While Cotteret et al. may disclose the use of indole derivatives in hair dye compositions, it fails to teach or suggest the combination of components claimed by Applicants. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that this rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment sets forth patentable subject matter. Therefore, the notification of the allowability of all pending claims is cordially requested. The Director is authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment related to this amendment to Deposit Account 01-1250.

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